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### Huachuca goes Hollywood

Don't miss the new Army recruiting commercial featuring Fort Huachuca's imagery analysts from Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The commercial is set to start airing Sunday on NBC during the NBA basketball game and later on FOX during Malcolm in the Middle and Futurama.

The commercial is also set to air Monday on TBS during the NBA basketball game and Tuesday on TNT during the NBA basketball game. Throughout the week the commercial will run intermittently on MTV, Comedy Central, ESPN and ESPN2.

Scenes from Fort Benning, Ga. are also featured in the commercial.

### Museum needs volunteers

The Military Intelligence Museum Gift Shop needs volunteers to work two to four hours in the gift shop. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to noon or noon to 2 p.m.

For information, call Henrietta Huisking at 458-9242.

### Band chamber concert

The 36th Army Band will be presenting the next performance in their Chamber Concert series Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center in Sierra Vista.

These concerts, sponsored by Parks and Leisure Services of Sierra Vista, feature various small groups and soloists from the 36th Army Band performing music that is not always associated with military bands.

For information, call 533-2515 or visit [www.army.mil/usag/36arband/index.htm](http://www.army.mil/usag/36arband/index.htm).



Photo by Spc. Joseph Mykal Scarfone

## Rock drill

**Sgt. Jaxon Searcy, 10th Mountain Divisions Long Range Surveillance Detachment, uses a video camera to capture an angry mob. The video will then be sent to identify possible terrorists. Techniques such as video taping are on the breaking edge of Military Intelligence advancements being tested during the Rock Drill this week.**

## Veterans cemetery on fort receives state support

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

A major hurdle was passed earlier this month when the Arizona State Senate passed a Bill authorizing \$235,000 as seed money to establish a new Veterans Cemetery on Fort Huachuca to serve veterans in the southeast counties of the state.

The senate amended the house's version of the bill and it is now back with the state representatives for final approval which is expected shortly.

A 130-acre area on the fort, bordering on Buffalo Soldier Trail, has been identified as a possible site for a new VA cemetery here. However, a final decision will not be made until the Departments of the Army and Veterans Affairs, and the State of Arizona can

come to an agreement.

Veterans who have been discharged, but not retired from the service are not eligible for burial in the fort's post cemetery, or in any other military post cemetery. All veterans with discharges other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children are eligible for burial in a VA National Cemetery.

Unfortunately, the nearest National Cemetery to Cochise County and Sierra Vista is located in Phoenix. At the present time they have full casket space available for interments, and it is estimated they will have space until the year 2050.

The distance and travel time from here to the Phoenix VA National Cemetery created a burden on survivors who want to visit the gravesite of their loved ones. In late 1996

a local group of veterans organized and set about having a VA National Cemetery established here.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from national cemetery offices and VA regional offices. For more information, call 1-800-827-1000 or visit the VA home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.va.gov> or the National Cemetery Administration home page at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

Veterans with discharges other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. The VA also provides grave markers and headstones for the unmarked graves of eligible veterans even if they are not buried in a national cemetery.

# The Scout's Chaplain

## Resurrection hope in times of suicide too

**By Chap. (Col.) Thomas R. Decker  
Installations Staff Chaplain**

Okay, Scout, suicides are troublesome. Probably they are so intended as anger finally pulls out all the stops to snub life and its disappointing participants.

Pain and guilt become the unwanted leftovers as survivors necessarily ask, "What else could I have done? What should I have seen?" Ah, troubling questions for poor survivors.

A colleague - an NCO - recently took his own life unexpectedly at another installation. It literally caught everyone by surprise because he was a very good soldier. He was a man of faith; chaplains relied on his guitar, his voice, and his original songs to liven up a prayer breakfast or a chapel event. He loved the Army and wanted to do all the military-pride, Hua stuff.

Christian baptism says that the only way to preserve life is to place it day by day in the hands of Him who creates life. More than sitting in chapel on a Sunday morning, it's giving to God the failures as well as the successes of life. It is acknowledging that, in spite of all the control measures that we build into life for the pursuit of happiness, we cannot be God to guarantee outcomes. Martin Luther said that

living with one's baptism means that we daily drown the old man, an ironic admission that God works in the discrepancies of life where we think He cannot possibly be.

Christians remember the words of Jesus who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life" even in times of a suicide.

These are the profound words — simple really — which say that what we have lost God gives back in full even beyond our very limited and very worldly expectations.

The words — I am the Resurrection and the Life — bridge gaps between what is only an ideal and what is real in our lives, the very discrepancy that causes people to begin to think about taking their own life.

It does no good to hold the military responsible or assign blame to the experiences of formative years. Nor can parents chastise themselves for their own failures to be what they could or should have been.

Jesus' words are only words, but they temper the successes and failures — of military careers, parental inconsistencies, and relationships gone wrong — with God's holy forgiveness. When these words connect with faith, they have the power to transform lives from no worldly meaning, to life that has sacred meaning.

# Gardening in 'High Desert'

**WWES release**

The weather has been warm, spring is in the air, and you're already thinking about what you want to plant this year. Maybe you want to add some colorful flowers around your home, or put in a vegetable garden.

If you are new to this area, you may be surprised to learn that the climate and soils of our high desert are very different from what you might be used to, and will affect the success of your garden, lawn and flowering plants.

Many people are starting to drag out their hoses and sprinklers to begin greening up their lawns. This is the wrong thing to do this time of year!

Most Fort Huachuca residential lawns are Bermuda grass. The soil temperatures must be very warm for Bermuda grass to

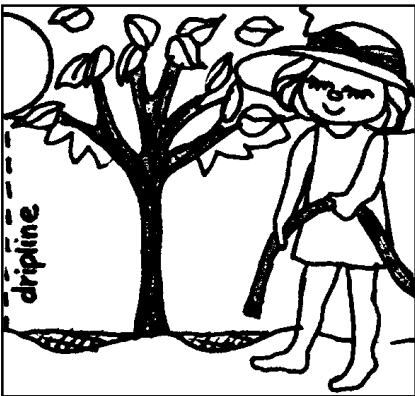
grow. This generally does not occur until mid-May. Trying to green up a dormant Bermuda grass lawn by watering it now may kill your grass.

If you are interested in learning more about our high desert and how to get your lawn and garden to thrive here, there is help available. Call Ginger Maxey with the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart Program at 538-SAVE (7283).

Maxey is from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and is a Master Gardener Associate. She is available to come to your home, free of charge and at your convenience, to consult with you about your garden and lawn.

When you request a landscaping consultation you will receive lots of free information and a "Wettie the Waterdrop" doll.

**Watering plants uses 10-15 gallons of water a minute. Plant low-water use flowers, shrubs and trees. Build small berms around your trees, mulch the roots and water them at the "dripline." Follow the "Residential Watering Guide for Fort Huachuca." Call 538-7283 for a copy.**



# Letter to the Editor

## Museum receives 'never-before-displayed' ENIGMA machine

**(Right) Larry Hampton, on behalf of the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade, Md., presents the ENIGMA machine to the Military Intelligence Museum at Fort Huachuca.**



**To the Editor:**

During WWII, the German and Japanese military leadership employed a cipher device they believed to be unbreakable. Fortunately for the nations allied against them, they proved to be wrong.

The device, code named by the allies "ENIGMA," was successfully exploited by British and American cryptographers in one of the most spectacular cryptologic coups in history.

Allied exploitation and the success in hiding that exploitation from the Axis high commands played a pivotal in the successful prosecution of the war.

The Fort Huachuca Military Intelligence Museum received a piece of this remarkable story for permanent display. I presented to the MI Museum its very own ENIGMA on behalf of the National Cryptologic

Museum at Fort Meade, Md.

This particular device was used by German ground forces during WWII after its manufacture in 1942. It has never before been on public display.

Along with the device itself, I provided some photographs of this type of device in use by German troops; and a CD ROM with a simulation of the ENIGMA so museum-goers can have a hands-on experience.

Respectfully,  
**Larry Hampton  
NSA LNO**

**See the full ENIGMA story, Page 10**

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# Electronic Town Hall meeting set for today

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON — Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre will give DoD personnel an update via the Internet on the Defense Reform Initiative today.

This is another in a series of Electronic Town Hall meetings. Entitled “DRI Checkpoint 2000: On the Road to Excellence,” this will be the last DRI Secretary Hamre will participate in. He leaves office March 31.

For more information on the webcast, go to [www.defenselink.mil/dodreform](http://www.defenselink.mil/dodreform) or go to [www.acq.osd.mil.dau/arcc](http://www.acq.osd.mil.dau/arcc) and click on satellite broadcasts.

The Electronic Town Hall will allow DoD employees around the world to ask questions via e-mail, fax or phone. It begins at 1:30 p.m. and will run through 3 p.m.

The Town Hall will be hosted by Stan Soloway, assistant secretary of defense for acquisition reform. Soloway is also in charge of coordinating DoD’s Defense Reform Initiative effort. He is quick to say the two efforts have not merged.

“The Defense Reform Initiative office has a small staff, but it is separate from acquisition reform,” he said. “What this allows us to do is cross-pollinate a bit to leverage off the skills of each other, because clearly acquisition and logistics reform is a huge piece of the DRI.”

The panel will consist of Jerry Hultin, undersecretary of the Navy; Army Lt. Gen. John McDuffie, the Joint Staff director for logisites; Tom Bloom, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service director; and representatives from Defense command, control, communications and intelligence and the Air Force.

Those wishing to ask questions can call (800) 897-7227.

Those wishing to fax questions can do so to (800) 879-2166.

Those wishing to e-mail questions in to the panel will be directed how to do so on the web site.

# Govt. charge card a ‘must’ for official travel

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

The “Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998” requires all federal employees to use the government travel charge card for all payments of expenses associated with official government travel.

**Background**

On Oct. 19, 1998, the President signed TTRA into law. This legislation gave the Administrator of the General Services Administration 270 days to develop implementing regulations. On July 16, 1999, GSA issued Interim Rule 8, which is nothing more than a series of questions and answers about TTRA. Interim Rule 8 did establish that the provisions of TTRA would be effective for all official government travel on or after Dec. 31, 1999.

Starting March 1, the Department of Defense introduced policies to comply with the TTRA and Public Law 105-264 that requires compliance with the TTRA.

The act requires all federal employees to use the government travel charge card for all payments of expenses for official government travel. DoD policy states “that the government-sponsored, contractor-issued travel card shall be used by DoD personnel to pay for all costs incident to official business travel, including lodging, transportation, rental cars, meals, and other allowable reimbursable expenses.”

**Personnel exemptions**

The TTRA allows for some personnel to be exempt from this policy. Based on this authority, the following types of personnel are exempt within the Army:

- All military personnel undergoing initial entry training (Basic Training) or initial skill training (Advanced Individual Training) prior to reporting to their first permanent duty assignment.
- All military prisoners.
- All Cadets of the United States Military Academy.
- All military and civilian employees who are denied a travel charge card by their commander or whose travel charge card is cancelled for financial irresponsibility or other specific reasons (e.g., misuse or abuse).

**Reimbursement of travel expenses**

DoD is required to reimburse employee travel expenses within 30 days after submission of a proper settlement voucher. If DoD fails to reimburse these expenses

within 30 days, they shall pay the employee a late fee.

Until full deployment of the Defense Travel System, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will advise all employees filing a travel claim that they have the right under TTRA to a late fee payment. DFAS will develop procedures that allow employees to initiate a claim for this late fee. Until such time as DFAS does develop these procedures, please advise your personnel to document any instances where their travel claim takes longer than 30 days to be processed.

**Classes of expenses exempted**

The GSA has exempted the following classes of expenses from the mandatory use of the travel charge card:

- Those incurred at a vendor that does not accept the government-sponsored, contractor-issued travel charge card.
- Laundry and dry cleaning.
- Parking.
- Local transportation system fares.
- Taxi fares.
- Tips.
- Meal charges when the use of the card is impractical (e.g., group meals or when the card is not accepted at a dining establishment).
- Telephone calls (when a government calling card is available for use in accordance with agency policy).

In addition to the government-wide GSA exemptions, the following classes of expenses are exempt from the mandatory use of the travel charge card throughout the Department of Defense:

- All expenses covered by the “meals and incidentals” portion of the per diem allowance.
- All local and long distance telephone calls.

**Collection of amounts owed**

DoD may, upon written request from the contractor, collect by deduction from the pay of any DoD employee any undisputed amounts owed to the contractor.

The GSA master contract provides the contractor with a process to collect undisputed amounts owed by cardholders. Should managers receive any such requests from the contractor, direct them to use the process outlined in Section CB 16 of the GSA master contract to collect any debts owed by military or civilian cardholders.

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# Fort’s DOIM receives award for information technology excellence

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

The Director of Information Management recently accepted The Commissioner’s Award from General Services Administration for demonstrating excellence in the information technology field.

Presenting the award to Maj. Larry Singer during the GSA conference in San Diego, was Dennis Fischer, Commissioner of GSA’s Federal Technology Service. Fischer said the GSA award is given in recognition of and achievement in information technology by the GSA’s Federal Technology Service

“I am honored that Mr. Fraiser chose our Joint Intelligence Virtual Plug and Play

See DOIM, Page 17



Courtesy photo

Maj. Larry Singer (left) accepts the Commissioner’s Award from Dennis Fischer, Commissioner of GSA’s Federal Technology Service.

# Kubs Korner

**CDA credential awarded**

Tonya Embly of Fort Huachuca has been awarded a Child Development Associate Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children’s welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children’s physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child care. Its impact is evident in center-based care as well as family child care, the most common form to care for children under 5 years old.

Child care staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009-3575. Or call (202) 265-9090.

# HousingFAQs

## How much space is authorized?

### Housing release

This is the first in a series of questions and answers regarding housing issues of mutual concern to all residents at Fort Huachuca. The Housing Office encourages your involvement. E-mail your questions or comments to [whiteg@huachuca.emhl.army.mil](mailto:whiteg@huachuca.emhl.army.mil) or call extension 538-0172.

**Q: What is the square footage authorization for family housing and is it the same for all services?**

A: Square footage authorizations were last established by Congress in 1982 under Title 10, USC 2826. That public law established the maximum size for each grade category and bedroom requirement. There is also a minimum criteria. They are as follows:

Pay Grade	Bedrooms	Net floor area (maximum)	Net floor area (minimum)
O7 and above	4	2100	1190
O6	4	1700	1190
O4 and O5	4	1550	1190
	3	1400	960
O1-O3	5	1550	1190
W1-W5	4	1450	1190
E7-E9	3	1350	960
	2	950	750
E1-E6	5	1550	1190
	4	1350	1190
	3	1200	960
	2	950	750

The construction criteria are the same for all services. Differences in sizes of housing between services, and even among Army installations, could be as a result of any one or a combination of the following circumstances:

- The houses may have been constructed to the minimum square footage to maximize the number of total housing units, meaning more houses for the same money.
- They may have been constructed prior to the establishment of the congressional ceiling or the dwelling unit may have been originally constructed for other than family housing use and later converted. This is the case with many of the fort’s historical houses. They were constructed for multiple junior officers, like modern day Basic Officers’ Quarters, and later converted to single family houses.
- The houses may have been built for a specific grade category and later reallocated due to change in demographics, for example, if they were built as Senior Non-commissioned Officer quarters and were standing empty while there was a large number of Junior NCOs on waiting lists, Housing would reallocate the quarters for Junior NCO use, giving them larger quarters than their authorization. Reallocations are based on continuous assessment of population, waiting lists and availability of adequate quarters.

*(Editor’s note: In an upcoming issue of The Scout, the Housing Office will answer all your questions regarding the Bonnie Blink housing area.)*

## Vehicle registration not required, compliance with regulation is required

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Soldiers and civilians working on Fort Huachuca are no longer required to register their privately owned vehicles, to include motorcycles, with the Military Police. This change in policy took effect July 30, 1999.

However, there are some people who still have a need to register a privately owned vehicle with the Military Police. This can be accomplished on a voluntary basis for any of the following individuals:

- All military personnel on permanent change of station to Fort Huachuca.
- Civilian employees of the federal government and nonappropriated fund activities working on Fort Huachuca.

— Retired military or civilian personnel who live in Cochise or Santa Cruz counties and who frequent Fort Huachuca.

— Civilian personnel from contracting agencies who have official government contracts with Fort Huachuca for one year or longer, and

— Military family members when the sponsor is stationed elsewhere and the installation facilities are frequently used.

To register a vehicle, visit the installation’s Vehicle Registration Office located in the Military Police Station, Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You must bring proof of insurance, a valid state driver’s license, a valid state registration, proof of satisfactory completion of an approved motorcycle safety course when registering a motorcycle (see Fort Huachuca Regulation 190-5 for details).

Registration is free and usually takes about ten minutes. Anyone who decides to register

their POVs must comply with all regulatory requirements of Fort Huachuca Regulation 190-5. Failure to comply may result in action that would prevent the operation of your vehicle on post.

If you sell your vehicle or the registration expires, the DD Form 2220 and installation and expiration tabs must be removed from the POV, and the Vehicle Registration Office must be notified.

Registration may be suspended if any of the following occur:

- The registrant uses or knowingly permits the use of the motor vehicle as a conveyance in the commission of a crime or in connection with illegal activities.
- The registrant

operates any POV on the installation while privileges are suspended or the registrant knowingly permits the operating of the motor vehicle by an individual whose driving privileges are revoked or suspended.

— The registrant knowingly makes a false statement when applying for installation registration.

— There is obscenity; patently offensive, vulgar, or profane language; racial epithets; or any other picture, symbols, colors, or expressions detrimental to good order and discipline of the installation or which bring discredit on the Armed Forces.

— The registrant has permitted or committed an unlawful or fraudulent use of license plates and/or registration decals.

— The motor vehicle has a damaged or illegible installation registration decal.

— The registrant fails to notify the Vehicle and Weapon Registration of any change in the status of the motor vehicle.

— The registrant fails to maintain the required liability insurance on the vehicle.

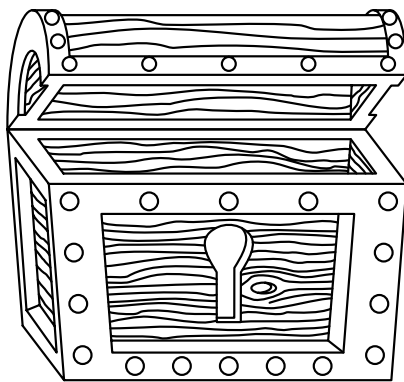
‘ Anyone who [voluntarily] decides to register their POVs must comply with all regulatory requirements of FH Reg. 190-5. Failure to comply may result in action that would prevent the operation of your vehicle on post.

Fort Huachuca DPS

## Property Office proves one man’s trash is another’s treasure

By Spc. Joseph Mykal Scarfone  
Scout Staff

Do you work in an office where the furniture is held together by faith? Perhaps you work on a computer that is so slow that when you turn it on you can drink a cup a coffee and read the morning paper.



The Garrison Property Office may have a remedy to your office problems. The GPO is a center for recycled office equipment that is still serviceable.

With cutback after cutback it’s no wonder why ob-

taining decent office equipment may seem impossible, but knowing your resources and what you can do with them may help.

“We have everything from office furniture to computers, even life-size horse replicas,” said Dan Berry, lead supply technician, GPO.

The process to obtain furniture is fairly easy. You can go to Building 90315 and see what they have in stock. Another option is to leave a “wish list” on the bulletin board there and wait for a call from the office.

“We’re here to help offices that don’t have the money to buy new stuff,” Berry said.

The GPO can be used to turn in old furniture as well.

“You shouldn’t just throw away old furniture if it is still good,” Berry said.

“If the furniture is serviceable we’ll reissue it.

Hand-receipt holders that have excess equipment or furniture they don’t want anymore should turn it in to the

GPO for reissue.

All furniture and equipment will be picked up or delivered by the GPO so worrying about the manpower shouldn’t be an issue. In order to receive or turn in equipment coordinate with the GPO to make sure things are being handled properly.

In most cases the GPO works on same-day delivery, meaning that if you made a request and they aren’t backed up or understaffed your office will receive its order the same day.

“We work on the ‘come on down’ process,” Berry said. “You never know what we might have unless you come on down.”

Whether your office is looking to upgrade from the dinosaur of a computer it has or trying to give the office a facelift, check out the GPO before spending money that isn’t there. To make an appointment with the GPO warehouse, call 533-0626.

# 11th Signal Brigade

## Signal soldiers land in Balkans

By 1st Lt. Brent Skinner  
Platoon Leader, Co. C, 40th Signal Bn.

Soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade arrived in Bosnia on Feb. 15 to be a part of Task Force Eagle, Stabilization Force 7.

SFOR7 is the multi-national peace-keeping force that has been in country for close to four years now.

After months of training, to include Individual Readiness Tactics training at Fort Hood, Texas, and a month long Mission Rehearsal Exercise at Fort Polk, Louisiana, the soldiers are finally on the ground.

The satellite platoon's mission is to provide long haul satellite communications to the 49th Armored Division Tactical Operations Center and any other contingency mission that arises within the war-torn region.

This deployment is a historical one, not only is it the 11th Signal Brigade's first time in the Balkans, but it is the first time that a National Guard unit is in charge of Multinational Division North, the U.S. sector of responsibility for peacekeeping operations.

"Some of us were a little nervous about the mission, but we found the quality of life on the basecamps to be far better than expected" said Spc. Shane Short, TacSat operator.

United States Army Europe has

taken a great deal of care in trying to ensure that soldiers that are deployed to SFOR are comfortable. The gym on Eagle Base, which was the best in all of USAEUR for fiscal year 99, is open 24 hours a day.

When the soldiers from the 11th were asked about the facilities on the various Base Camps no one complained at all.

"The facilities are pretty good, and the gym is nicer than at Fort Huachuca," said Spc. Hollie Rogers.

Some of the other popular facilities include the Cyber Café where soldiers can check their e-mail at any time day or night.

Another popular hangout is Trigger's. At Trigger's, soldiers can relax, play pool or shoot darts while enjoying non-alcoholic drinks, and even try their singing skills during karaoke night. Even the barracks or wooden "sea huts" as they are named get good ratings.

As of now, the operation tempo is moderate enough that the soldiers can manage to take full advantage of the facilities. Most take the time to workout everyday and are taking college courses at the Education Center. USAEUR has just announced that tuition assistance for these classes is now 100 percent — a great opportunity.



Photo by 1st Lt. Brent Skinner

**Sgt. Michael Hanna sets his satellite dish in Bosnia.**

Though many facilities exist, and on the surface it seems peaceful, there is still the ever-present danger of unexploded ordinance. Bosnia has close to half a million land mines still present from the war.

The engineers are constantly finding UXO on the basecamps and conduct weekly clearing operations in certain areas. Soldiers are told to make sure they stay on approved routes and sidewalks.

Guard duty is another chance for our soldiers to get to know the locals, whether at an observation post or at the gates. Vehicle and personnel searches are the norm, along with carrying your weapon and ammunition 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All in all, the soldiers seem excited to be starting the mission, whatever lies ahead for them, and eventually their safe return home.

# Dental ActivityCommand

## Tooth decay is a preventable disease with proper dental care

**Academy of General Dentistry release**  
**What is tooth decay, its causes?**

Tooth decay is the disease known as caries or cavities. Unlike other diseases, however, caries is not life threatening and is highly preventable, though it affects most people to some degree during their lifetime.

Tooth decay occurs when your teeth are frequently exposed to foods containing carbohydrates (starches and sugars) like soda pop, candy, ice cream, milk, cakes, and even fruits, vegetables and juices. Natural bacteria live in your mouth and forms plaque. The plaque interacts with deposits left on your teeth from sugary and starchy foods to produce acids. These acids damage tooth enamel over time by dissolving, or demineralizing, the mineral structure of teeth, producing tooth decay and weakening the teeth.

**How are cavities prevented?**

The acids formed by plaque can be counteracted by simple saliva in your mouth, which acts as a buffer and remineralizing agent. Dentists often recommend chewing sugarless gum to stimulate your flow of sa-

liva. However, though it is the body's natural defense against cavities, saliva alone is not sufficient to combat tooth decay. The best way to prevent caries is to brush and floss regularly. To rebuild the early damage caused by plaque bacteria, we use fluoride, a natural substance which helps to remineralize the tooth structure. Fluoride is added to toothpaste to fight cavities and clean teeth. The most common source of fluoride is in the water we drink. Fluoride is added to most community water supplies.

If you are at medium to high risk for cavities, your dentist may recommend special high concentration fluoride gels, mouth rinses, or dietary fluoride supplements. Your dentist may also use professional strength anti-cavity varnish, or sealants — thin, plastic coatings that provide an extra barrier against food and debris.

**Who is at risk for cavities?**

Because we all carry bacteria in our mouths, everyone is at risk for cavities. Those with a diet high in carbohydrates and sugary foods and those who live in commu-

nities without fluoridated water are likely candidates for cavities. And because the area around a restored portion of a tooth is a good breeding ground for bacteria, those with a lot of fillings have a higher chance of developing tooth decay.

Children and senior citizens are the two groups at highest risk for cavities.

**What can I do to protect my teeth?**

The best way to combat cavities is to follow three simple steps:

— Cut down on sweets and between-meal snacks. Remember, it's these sugary and starchy treats that put your teeth at extra risk.

— Brush after every meal and floss daily. Cavities most often begin in hard-to-clean areas between teeth and in the fissures and pits — the edges in the tooth crown and gaps between teeth. Hold the toothbrush at a 45-degree angle and brush inside, outside and between your teeth and on the top of your tongue. Be sure the bristles are firm, not bent, and replace the toothbrush after a few weeks to safeguard against reinfecting your mouth with old bacteria that can collect on the brush.

Only buy toothpastes and rinses that contain fluoride (antiseptic rinses also help remove plaque) that bear the American Dental Association seal of acceptance. Children under six should only use a small pea-sized dab of toothpaste on the brush and should spit out as much as possible because a child's developing teeth are sensitive to higher fluoride levels. Finally, because caries is a transmittable disease, toothbrushes should never be shared, especially with your children

— See your dentist at least every six months for checkups and professional cleanings. Because cavities can be difficult to detect, a thorough dental examination is very important. If you get a painful toothache, if your teeth are very sensitive to hot or cold foods, or if you notice signs of decay like white spots, tooth discolorations or cavities, make an appointment right away. The longer you wait to treat infected teeth the more intensive and lengthy the treatment will be. Left neglected, cavities can lead to root canal infection, permanent deterioration of decayed tooth substance and even loss of the tooth itself.

# Community Updates

### Automated refills

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Pharmacy employs an automated telephone prescription refill service. You may call in your refills using a touch tone or rotary phone at 533-1551.

At your convenience, you can quickly request prescription refill twenty-four hours a day, every day. The service will be able to tell you details about your prescription, such as; what day and time you may pick up your refill and how many refills you have left. If you are calling too soon to refill a prescription, the service will tell you what date to call back.

In addition, the prescription service can provide important information about pharmacy services, locations, and hours of operations.

If you have any problems or concerns with the automated refill service, call 533-0465 to speak to a pharmacy technician.

### Post tax center open

Get your federal and state income taxes prepared and electronically filed for free. The Post Tax Center can file your federal and most state taxes electronically, getting your refund to you in around 14 days. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; noon-4 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The tax center is located behind the PAO Office, at the end of Brown Parade Field. Park at the bottom of the hill on Christy Avenue and come up the hill, following the signs. Bring all your W-2s, 1099s, and other financial paperwork when you come. For information, call 533-1070.

### DOIM classes announced

The Directorate of Information Management has released the schedule of computer training classes offered at Fort Huachuca during the month of March. Classes include Intermediate Access today and Advanced Access on Friday. The following week MS Word is scheduled for Monday, Basic Excel for Wednesday, Advanced Excel for March 30 and FormFlow for March 31. For more information, call Spc. Kevin E. Mumaw at 533-2868.

### Trekking across Arizona

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Willcox, Sierra Vista. The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight Year Round Events in Arizona. For information, call Dave at 378-1763.

### Financial seminar set

A Financial Awareness Seminar sponsored by the Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program is scheduled for 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday at Murr Community Center. Find out more about

savings, investments, life insurance, debt management, creating a budget and consumer affairs. For more information or reservations, call the ACS office at 533-2330.

### ID Card section closed

The Fort Huachuca Military Identification Card section will be closed from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday due to a Department of the Army field representative site visit. Normal hours of operation will resume at 7:30 a.m., March 30. Any questions should be directed to John Bradley at 533-1608.

### Neighborhood Commission

The Downtown Neighborhood Commission needs the community's help. The DNC will be conducting neighborhood planning meetings for residents residing west of 7th Street on Wednesday and April 1. Wednesday's planning meeting is 5-8 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 549 Veterans Dr., Sierra Vista. The April 1 meeting is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Carmichael Elementary School. Prizes and refreshments.

For more information, call Don Brush at 458-3315 or Steve Scott at 458-5222.

### DM hosts procurement fair

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Pima County and the Arizona Small Business Association will hold a procurement fair at DM's Officers' Club March 31 to help small businesses learn the process of selling their products and services to federal, state and local agencies.

This year's fair is geared toward women- and minority-owned businesses, and will include information workshops on conducting business with the government, private sector firms, schools, colleges and universities. All vendors are encouraged to attend.

For information, call Glen Fournie, Pima County, at (520) 740-8260.

### Allergy clinic hours change

Effective March 31, the Allergy/Immunization Clinic at RWBAHC will no longer have evening hours. The new clinic hours are as follows: Monday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; Tuesday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. (1-2 p.m. is reserved for new patient orientation); Wednesday, allergist appointments day, no allergy shots given; Thursday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. (1-2 p.m. is reserved for new patient orientation); and Friday, 7:30-11:30 and 1-4 p.m.

Clinic closes noon-1 p.m. daily for lunch. Closed the second and fourth Thursday of every month 1-4 p.m. for Sergeant's time. For information, call Spc. Stout at 533-2630/2631.

### Phone Center closed

The AAFES Barracks Phone Center located in Building 52026 will be closed April 3-4 due to scheduled power outage stemming from electrical work being done

in the Cochise Theater. For information, call Veronica Segarra at 459-3120.

### Legal issues briefing

There will be a briefing regarding the legal issues of information operations on April 6, 1:30-2:30 p.m., in Room 1215, Greely Hall. All interested personnel are invited. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

### Optimists' pancake breakfast

Sierra Vista Optimist Club will host a pancake breakfast 6-11 a.m. April 8 at the Landmark Café. Tickets are \$2 for all the pancakes you can eat, drinks and side dishes are not included in the \$2. Tickets are available from Optimist members or at the door.

Proceeds benefit Optimist-sponsored programs to support the children of the local community, including scholarships, Coats for Kids and the Forgach House.

### OCS board convenes

The next installation OCS Interview Board is scheduled to convene April 19-21, in Murr Community Center, Roadrunner Conference Room beginning at 9 a.m. daily.

The deadline date for application to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is April 10. All applications must be in an original and two copies to Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution. For information, call Master Sgt. Obeso or Sgt. Newell at 533-1707/1706.

### Promotion board set

Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene April 18 to consider Army Competitive Category Captains for promotion to Major.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: above the zone, Feb. 1, 1994 and earlier; promotion zone Feb. 2, 1994 through Oct. 1, 1994; below the zone, Oct. 2, 1994 through Oct. 1, 1995.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R), no later than April 10. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29. Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted. For information, call Margarethe Velazquez at 533-3267.

### Sesame Street Live

Sesame Street Live comes to the Tucson Convention Center April 13-16 for seven performances of Big Bird's Sunny Day Camp Out featuring Elmo's World. Tickets are available now at the Tucson

Convention Center box office or all Dillards locations.

Regular price tickets are \$15, \$12 and \$10. Discounts may apply for children and groups on selected performances. For information, call the Tucson Convention Center at (800) 638-4253.

### 'Never Too Late' opens

The Sierra Vista Illegitimate Theater Company will open its spring production of *Never Too Late* on April 14. *Never Too Late* is a rollicking comedy about unplanned parenthood written by film and TV writer Sumner Arthur Long. The play closed on Broadway in April 1965.

Performances will be at the Limelight Theater on April 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on April 16 at 2 p.m.

### Saturday testing available

To accommodate customers who are not available to test Monday - Friday, the Army Education Center will start a three-month trial program to provide testing services on the third Saturday morning of each month, beginning April 15. The trial program will be for DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and College Level Examination Program Tests.

Testing will be appointment only; appointments must be made no later than 12:30 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Saturday the test is to be administered. Testing participants must be at the Army Education Center by 8:50 a.m.; testing will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

For information, call Sharon Townsend at 533-1701. Future test dates are May 20 and June 17.

### Vietnam Moving Wall

Southern Arizona veterans invite you to "The Vietnam Moving Wall" a community effort to honor and support those who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam Moving Wall will be on display April 16-23 at 6th and Toughnut on Skyline Drive in Tombstone.

Opening ceremony is set for April 16 at 10 a.m. with a closing ceremony at 4 p.m. on April 23. No admission is charged. The display is sponsored by American Legion Post 24 of Tombstone.

### Mandatory ethics training

All DoD personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on the following dates: April 27, May 11 and June 14.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year.

For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

# School News

## Fort students test mettle in Academic Bowl, AIMS test

Accommodation Schools release

Dates to remember

- Tuesday Site Council Mtg., Johnston, 2:30 p.m.
- May 5, 19 No School/Teacher Work Days

Smith Middle School

The eighth grade **Academic Bowl** Team at Smith Middle School took their first place win in competition on March 7 against six other county schools represented at the meet in Benson. The team placed second in the first and second rounds but took a commanding lead in the third round to secure their victory. Members of the team were: Jesus Morales, Nathan Anderson, Heidi Hamric, Stephanie Schroer, Jeffery Simmons, Maria Thomas, Erica Travis and Roland Tyler.

Smith’s seventh grade team has improved consistently during this year’s matches and placed eighth at the Benson meet. The team includes: James Crabb, Alyssa Estrada, Ann Holder, Stephen Ortiz, Sarah Cook, Krystina Martin, Brendan Price, Angela Ytuarte, Chris Treft and Khacey Coston-Hitchey. Both teams are coached by Betty Richter, seventh grade language teacher, and JoAnne Ellsworth, school counselor.

“We are very proud of the performance of both teams, and it is particularly nice to see our eighth graders do so well as they prepare for high school,” Richter said. “Since this is our first effort in Academic Bowl competition in several years, we know we will have a strong team next year with our players who will be moving up.”

To recognize the end of the Academic Bowl season, both teams and their coaches celebrated after the meet at G&F Pizza in Benson.

AIMS testing

The **AIMS test** will be administered to third-, fifth- and eighth-grade students Monday through March 31. If possible, try not to schedule outside appointments for your child on the mornings your child is testing. We appreciate your cooperation.

Following is the testing schedule for the three grade levels:

- Myer fifth-graders — Monday-Friday, morning only
- Johnston third-graders — Monday-Wednesday, morning only
- Smith eighth-graders — Monday-Wednesday, morning only — Thursday-makeup testing

Myer Elementary School

**Jump Rope for Heart** was a great success. Myer School once again came through with over \$2,000. Forty-eight students took part with 43 of them raising this amount. Thanks to all the kids who got out there and worked to raise this money, and to the people who gave to such a worthy cause. Our top fund-raiser was Emily Moxley from Jeanne Powell’s room, who raised \$425.

Myer Library is getting ready for the kids to take part in an African Safari in preparation for the **Book Fair**. Book Fair will be Wednesday through April 6. Come and check out all the ‘wild animals’ and relax under a ‘palm tree.’

College board recommends tuition increase

Cochise College release

The Cochise College Governing Board voted to recommend a \$5 per credit hour increase for in-state tuition as well as the elimination of computer lab fees for 60 courses.

The Board voted 4-0 on the measure, with member Bob Nelson absent. After considering the administration’s recommendation for the first such increase in five years, the Board decided that based on the needs of the College in the future to pursue such initiatives as keeping pace with changing technology, an increase in tuition was necessary.

Instead of engaging in “tuition creep” or a series of small tuition increases over time, the Board decided to vote for a single increase now. This is in contrast to the practice of many other colleges where tuition increases annually on a regular basis.

“We want the institution to grow and move forward and that requires resources,” said College President Dr. Karen Nicodemus. “The vote was a philosophical decision by the Board on how to proceed with fees and tuition; which is, they did not want to have to revisit this issue again and again.”

For a number of years the tuition rate has been held at \$26 per credit hour. If approved by the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges on April 21, this would be the first tuition increase since the 1995-1996 academic year. Tuition at Cochise has gone up 4 percent in the last six years. By comparison, tuition at all other state community colleges

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## Assault crimes on post can be prevented

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Violent crimes committed in the civilian community are reported in the local news almost daily. However, do you realize that there are assaults and other forms of battery also occur within the military?

Although military installations are relatively secure and safe places for soldiers and their families to live, crime does work its way into these communities.

After examining all of the assaults reported for Fiscal Year 1999 and in the first quarter fiscal year 2000, indications are there is no specific pattern as the location, time of day, or portion of the year, in which you could become a victim of assault. This supports the theory that crime can happen anywhere, at anytime, and to anyone.

During FY 1999, there were 101 assaults reported on post. Of this figure, statistics show that 89, almost 88 percent of these cases were simple assaults, such as pushing, shoving or hitting. The remaining 12 or 12 percent were aggravated assaults, such as beating or using a weapon on the victim.

For the first three months of FY 2000 (Oct.1 - Dec. 31, 1999) there have been 33 reported assaults of which five were aggravated assaults and 28 classified as simple assaults.

In all of the cases of aggravated assaults, the person charged with assault was also charged with secondary offenses ranging from indecent assault to threatening and intimidating.

Military police records show there were 37 reported cases of domestic violence in FY 1999. Ten percent (four cases) involved aggravated assault charges, and the remaining 90 percent (33 cases) involved simple assault charges.

Aggravated assault victims also included family members. In the last year when these figures were kept, over 18 percent of

aggravated assaults involved the spouse as a victim, and 12 percent of these crimes were against children. In 1996, two-thirds of the assaults on post were directed against victims who were not related, or even known, to the person charged with the crime.

Although many of these numbers are statistics, each number represents someone who is real. These “someones” have experienced the horror and the fear of being an assault victim. But, there are steps you can take to prevent yourself from becoming one of the statistics

Don’t be a victim

In cases of assault happening outdoors, there are many steps victims can take to protect themselves. The Assault Prevention Information Network on the Internet recommends the following: — If you suspect that someone is following you, by foot or in a car, don’t go home (or they will know where you live). Go to a trusted neighbor or to a public place to call police, or directly to police station.

- Don’t hitchhike.
- Be very careful using outside ATMs at night or in unfamiliar surroundings.
- When on the street, walk facing oncoming traffic. It will be harder for someone to pull you into a car and abduct you.
- Tell someone where you’ll be and what time you’re supposed to return, or if you will be with someone you don’t know well.
- Try to not overload yourself with packages. If you must have your hands full, visualize how you would respond if approached, how you would get your hands free, etc.
- Do not wear music headphones while walking or jogging; it’s unsafe and against Fort Huachuca safety regulations.

- If you wear a purse with a shoulder strap, be prepared to let it go if snatched. Otherwise you may be hurt if the mugger knocks you down and drags you while fleeing with your purse.
- If someone asks you for directions, and if you choose to reply, remain at least two arms lengths away.
- Clogs, high heels, and tight skirts are hard to run and fight in. Capes, scarves, and long necklaces are easy to grab.
- Modify your fashion style, wear comfortable clothing when walking alone (change into dress-up clothes later), or think through how you would fight in your dress-up clothes (for example, kicking off your high heels or hiking your skirt up around your hips before starting to run or kick)
- Avoid being on the street alone if you are upset or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or have someone go with you.
- When dropping someone off at their home, make sure they are safely inside before driving away. Have them do the same for you.
- Don’t flash large sums of money in public, especially in bars and clubs.
- Never travel at night by yourself. There is a lot of truth in the old adage, there is safety in numbers.
- Try to stay on well-traveled walkways that are well lighted at night.
- Park in lighted parking lots. Have your vehicle keys in hand and ready to use. Always check your surroundings, and the inside of your automobile before entering.
- Before approaching your front door, make sure your keys are in hand and ready to use. Check your surroundings before unlocking the door.
- Screams will attract attention, but calls for help and rape, do not get a response from strangers as quickly as hollering “FIRE.”

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# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



**“AER is our organization — yours and mine. It belongs to all soldiers, it helps all soldiers and deserves the support of all soldiers.”**

Army Emergency Relief was incorporated in 1942 as a private, nonprofit organization to collect and hold funds to relieve distress of members of the Army and their dependents.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to “helping the Army take care of it's own.” AER provides commanders with a valuable tool in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of soldiers. AER provides assistance in the form of interest free loans and grants to soldiers — active and retired — and their dependents when there is a valid need. For this reason, the AER assistance program is conducted primarily within the Army structure by major commanders and their installation/organization commanders through AER sections and other organizations.

The AER fund raising campaign is conducted annually by the U.S. Army from March 1 through May 15. All contributions are fully tax deductible. Donors may make their contributions to the general assistance fund or they may target their contributions to specific programs such as education scholarships or widow assistance.

AER provides help with emergency financial needs for the following: food, rent or utilities; emergency transportation and vehicle repair; funeral expenses; medical/dental expenses; personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen. AER also provides undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial need, to children of soldiers.

AER can not do the following: help pay for nonessentials; finance ordinary leave or vacation; pay fines or legal expenses; help liquidate or consolidate debt; assist with house purchase or home improvements; help purchase, rent or lease a vehicle; cover bad checks or pay credit card bills.

Since it was established in 1942, AER has helped more than 2.5 million Army people with more than \$610 million. In 1998 AER assisted 58,000 Army people with almost \$37 million, specifically: • More than \$31.7 million to active duty soldiers and their families. • More than \$3.7 million to retired soldiers and their families. • More than \$1 million to widows(ers) and orphans of deceased soldiers.

For those who need assistance or for those who would like to contribute to this worthy cause, call AER at 533-5972 or stop by Building 50010.

## Child abuse prevention events scheduled

### Family Advocacy Program release

In recognition of April being designated “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” the Fort Huachuca Family Advocacy Program will sponsor the following events:

**April 1-30:** Look for displays at the PX, Commissary, Library, Murr Community Center and ACS for information concerning the prevention of child abuse. Informational videos will be aired on the Commander's Access Channel. **April 4:** Parent/Tot Play Group at Youth Services, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **April 5:** Caring for Your Newborn Class at Army Community Service, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **April 6:** Child Abuse Identification and Recognition Classes at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Army Community Service **April 8:** “Stand for Kids Day” at the Ethel Berger Center in Sierra Vista, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **April 11:** Parent/Tot Play Group at Youth Services, 9:30 a.m. to

11:30 a.m., including a special performance by Kids on the Block in the gym. **April 13:** Family Child Care Fun Day/Family Advocacy Program video viewing at Murr Community Center. **April 18:** Parent/Tot Play Group at Youth Services, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **April 19:** Breast-feeding Your Newborn Class, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **April 25:** Parent/Tot Play Group at Youth Services, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **April 26:** Assisting Your Newborn's Development Class at Army Community Service, 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

In addition to the above, the following videos will be aired on the Commander's Access Channel, times to be announced: “10 Things Every Child Needs,” “Can You Pass the All-Time Great Parent Test?” “Solutions to 10 Common Parenting Problems” and “10 Ways to Be a Better Parent.” For more information, call 533-2330 or 533-6873.

## Fort's youth summer sports begin registration

### Youth Sports release

The Youth Sports office, located in Barnes Field House, is currently accepting applications for the following summer recreational sports: baseball, track and field events, ponytail softball and tennis.

Registrations will be accepted on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Proof of parent, guardian or sponsor's eligibility, proof of registering child's age and physical condition required at the time of registration. Non-military sponsors must also provide proof of insurance for their child. All MWR authorized patrons are eligible to register.

Youth ages 4-12 desiring to participate in summer baseball or softball programs must be registered by March 31. Youth Sports is offering discounts for dual registration. Parents may register their child for baseball and summer basketball and receive a discount. Ages 4-12 and all softball registrations must be completed through the Youth Sports office by March 31 to be eligible for the dual registration discount.

Baseball registrants ages 13-15, must be registered by April 15 to be eligible for the dual registration discount. Youth Sports \$5 family discount rates apply after payment of the first family member with the exception of Tee-Ball and Pee-wee basketball (ages 4-6), \$35 per registrant or \$50 for dual registration. Coach-Pitch (ages 7-8, baseball (ages 9-16) and Ponytail softball (ages 9-15) individual registration is \$45 or \$65 for dual registration. The cost for players caps and jerseys are included in the registration fee.

Baseball program registration (ages 13-16) continues until April 15. Softball (ages 9-15), junior baseball (ages 13-14) and senior baseball (ages 15-16) will be placed on community teams in Sierra Vista's Little League baseball and Ponytail Softball Association. Fort Huachuca's teams will be formed on April 8 and the playing season is scheduled to open on April 22. All divisions of play are expected to end by June 24. District baseball tournaments will follow the regular season in July. Game schedules will not interfere with school activities.

For more information, call 533-2541.

## THE BALL'S IN OUR COURT!

Fort Huachuca's Morale Welfare & Recreation Presents:



**Saturday, April 1 1:00 p.m.  
at Barnes Field House**

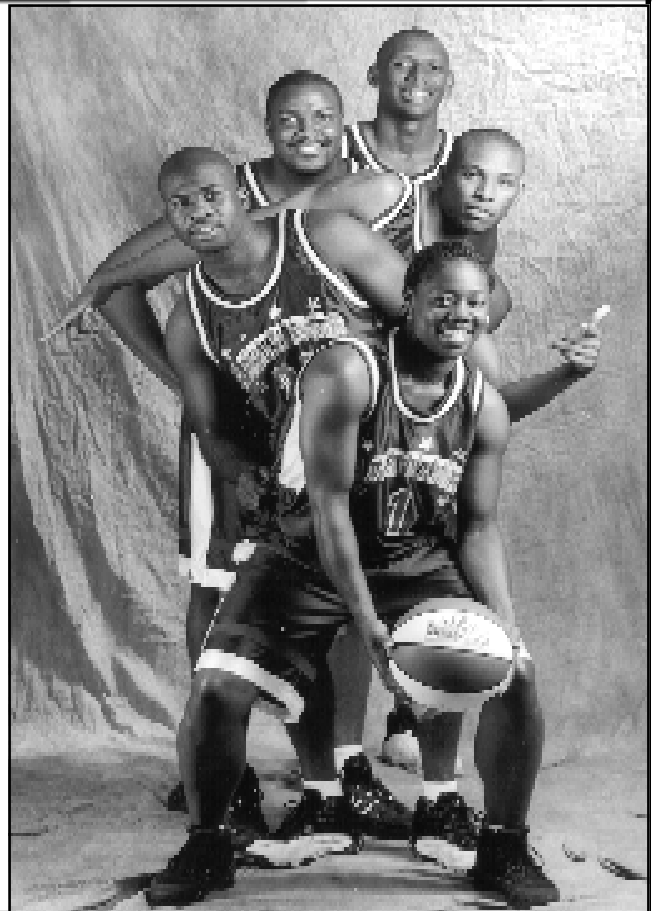
**Come out and watch this dazzling display of ball handling tricks, spectacular slam-dunks and hilarious comedy routines as the Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball team tips off against the Fort Huachuca Scouts.**

**\$5 in Advance • \$8 at the Door**

**Tickets on sale on Fort Huachuca at:  
La Hacienda, Desert Lanes, MWR Box Office  
MWR Rents and Barnes Field House**



**For More Information Call (520) 533-5031 or Visit: mwrhuachuca.com**





# Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates



The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil).



According to the Director of MWR, the Mirage is closing but will re-open as a new and exciting MWR facility. The new facility will better serve the needs of the Fort Huachuca community. More to come!



**“Welcome to Korea” night**

Are you getting ready for an assignment to Korea? You are invited to join your ACS relocation specialist, Karen Jackson for an informative evening on Korea on April 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. You’ll learn about Korean culture, receive site packages for all installations in Korea, try a taste of the fabulous Korean cuisine and visit with people who have been to Korea.

This evening is designed to make your move to Korea as smooth as possible. To register for Welcome to Korea, call Karen Jackson at 533-3682 or 533-2330.

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Architecture as this year’s GSA IT accomplishment award,” said Singer.

“The flexible acquisition vehicles provided by GSA and Joe Baciao afforded me the conduit to implement the virtual ‘plug and play’ classroom infrastructure that has been needed to support Joint/Army Intel system training for several years within the Military Intelligence Center,” he said. Singer continued “Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr. and the leadership of Fort Huachuca provided me the support and trust I needed obtain the funds necessary to acquire the hardware and technology to implement a Fort Huachuca program that is quickly becoming a Army/DoD Intel Community standard for all training institutions.

“I give thanks to everyone’s effort,” he said, “we have a successful program designed to support the training of Intelligence soldiers while providing the Army and DoD with a cost effective architecture by which to affect realistic training across all Battlefield Operating Systems.”

“Fort Huachuca’s DOIM was in com-

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**Timely reimbursement of expenses**

DoD personnel must be reimbursed for authorized travel expenses no later than 30 days after submission of a proper travel claim to the approving official. If a travel claim contains any error that would prevent payment of the claim within 30 days after it is submitted, the claimant shall be notified about the error within 7 calendar days after submission of the claim. The notification shall include the reason(s) why the travel

**Be a volunteer!**

The Fort Huachuca Volunteer Program needs you for a number of positions including ACS reception, special events, and several clerical positions. All positions provide training and are excellent ways to keep your skills sharp while making new contacts. For information, call 533-3686

**A group for first time moms**

Moms Meeting Moms is a group for first time mothers who are expecting or have newborns. This group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Blake Foundation. Bring your baby and your questions! For more information, call 533-6877.

**SPORTSMAN'S CENTER 533-7085**

The first night paintball game of the year will be held on March 31, 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 for the range fee or \$20 for paintball marker rental. Sign-up from 7-8 p.m.

A Reloading Class will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10.

petition with other DoD, Federal agencies, and American Indian Tribes, that spend taxpayer money very wisely on projects that would rival any nationwide in complexity, technology, and diversity with zing,” said Joe Baciao, GSA Arizona Area Manager, IT-Solutions & FAST Center, Scottsdale, Ariz.

When asked if there is anyone he would give credit to for having a major role in being selected for this honor, Singer said “Joe Baciao, and also the outstanding contractors from CSC, Sterling Software (now CAI), PULAU and ILEX that provide the maintenance and support of the technology on a day to day basis.”

It was Baciao who nominated the fort’s DOIM for the GSA award. “I described what Maj. Singer was recognized for in the questions provided to me but my answers didn’t do him real justice in defining the competition he had just in Arizona,” he said.

“I was just one of many managers that had to choose one of their clients and submit that name into a pool for consideration

claim is not proper.

Where payment of the travel settlement takes longer than 30 days following receipt by the approving official, a late payment fee is payable based on the Prompt Payment Act interest rate beginning on the 31st day after submission of a proper travel claim.

The DFAS is instructed by DOD to include on its web site a “settlement time” calculator that estimates the late payment fees due to travelers, if any.

# BARNES FIELD HOUSE

**Y.S. focus group meets Mar. 29**

The Youth Sports focus group will meet for the first time Wednesday at 5:30 at Murr Community Center and every second Wednesday thereafter. Call Y.S. to register program concerns, comments or complaints to be handled by the focus group at 533-2541.

**Youth Sports needs volunteers!**

MWR’s Youth Sports Branch is in need of adult volunteers interested in providing their expertise and time in support of Ft. Huachuca Quality of Life Recreational Programs. Volunteers will assist in specific sports programs. We need coaches, assistant coaches, commissioners, and specific sports player agents. National Youth Sports Coaches Association training to national certification will be provided. For more information, call Y.S. at 533-2541 or stop by the Y.S. office located in Barnes Field House.

**Youth baseball field closed**

Youth Sports athletic fields are undergoing maintenance and are closed until further notice. The fields are expected to re-open prior to the beginning of summer sports later in April. Parents are asked to advise their children to not play on fields.

**Youth Sports baseball clinics**

Y.S. has scheduled both coaches and registered player’s clinics in support of the upcoming baseball season. Volunteer coach’s clinics begin this Saturday from 8-11 a.m., and player’s clinics are scheduled Monday through March 30. Player clinics will last one hour for ages 4-8 on Langhorne field. All other age clinics will last one hour and 30 minutes and will be held on Drazba field. Players must be registered for Tee-Ball, Coach-Pitch or baseball to participate. For more information, call 533-2541.

by the Commissioner,” he said.

“I have tasks with the Department of Interior that managed the controlled flood of the Glenn Canyon and the subsequent documentation and research of everything you could possibly imagine ... are you interested in knowing the affects of the flood on 31 endangered species snail that had to be relocated 3.7 meters higher to avoid being swept away by the flood,” Baciao asked?

But Singer said otherwise, “he took the time and energy to recognize our MI Community training accomplishment (Plug and Play Classrooms) that is not only benefiting soldier training at Fort Huachuca, but is now being recognized by DADCSINT as an Army/DoD Intel Community standard over many other outstanding programs and initiatives that use GSA for support.”

“I’m proud that I submitted Fort Huachuca’s Director of Information Management from my family of clients, and that he was recognized by my Commissioner,” Baciao said. “I’d like to think that

it was not only the talent and leadership of Maj. Singer that allowed him to accomplish his technological achievement, but also his willingness to partner with me and the talents of many GSA support personnel that ensure flawless performance of his task.”

“Receiving the award is a great honor,” Signer said, “and confirms my belief in my mentors and senior leadership who have always guided me in the right direction. They gave me their trust, confidence and support to excel in my mission as an MI acquisition officer.”

Singer said he thought the award was intended to be an individual award. “As the DOIM, I am now responsible for the maintenance, support and future evolution of these classrooms and the network architecture to support them,” he said.

“I have proudly displayed the award in the DOIM office as a reflection of the continued and dedicated IT service and support provided by DOIM employees and expected by the Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca’s customers.”

## Have we got news for you!

Read it in  
The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper.

# MI Museum receives gift of Nazi encoding machine

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

An encoding/decoding machine called the “ENIGMA,” used by German ground troops during World War II, was presented to the Military Intelligence Museum last week.

Larry Hampton, National Security Agency Liaison Officer, made the presentation to the museum on behalf of the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Hampton said the U.S. Government has 38 of the ENIGMA devices that were captured during the world war, in safekeeping at the National Security Agency’s National Cryptologic Museum.

During World War II, German and Japanese military leadership employed a cipher device they believed to be unbreakable. Fortunately for the nations allied against them, they proved to be wrong.

This one event in the annals of World War II is probably the most significant intelligence success of the entire conflict Hampton said. Because the Americans and British intelligence operations were able to read the daily communications between the Ger-



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**The ENIGMA machine has never before been on public display. Along with the device, Hampton provided a number of photographs of ENIGMA devices in use by German troops and a CD-ROM with a simulation of the ENIGMA so museum visitors can have a hands-on experience.**

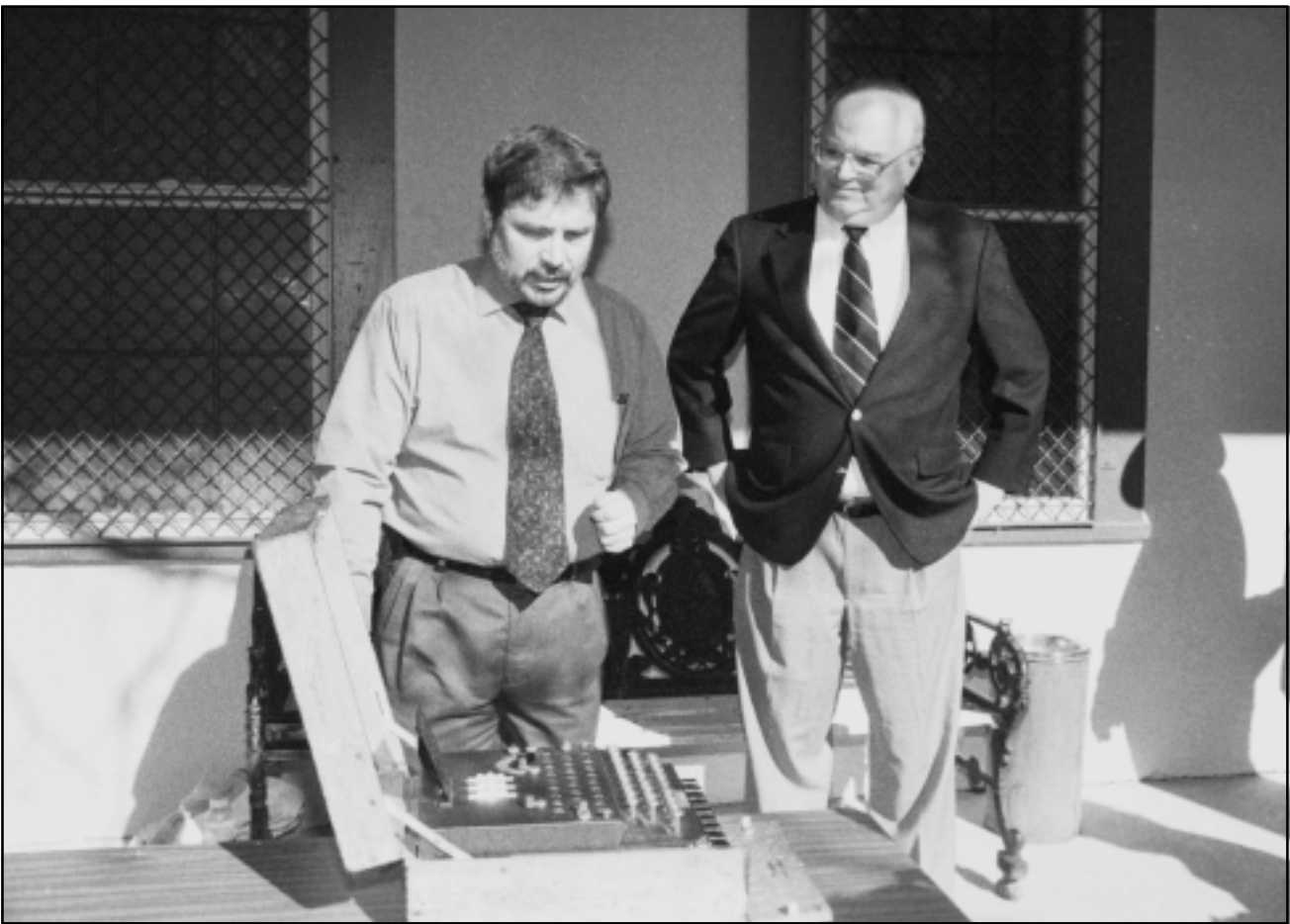


Photo by Stan Williamson

**Larry Hampton, National Security Agency Liaison Officer, makes the presentation of the ENIGMA encoding/decoding machine to Jim Finley, post historian and curator of the Fort Huachuca Military Intelligence Museum. The ENIGMA, used by German ground troops during World War II has been in safekeeping at the NSA's National Cryptologic Museum.**

man high command, thousands of Allied soldier’s lives were saved, while the Germans suffered the loss of an untold amount of material and men.

According to Hampton, the ENIGMA machine was successfully exploited by British and American cryptographers in one of the most spectacular cryptologic coups in history.

Allied exploitation and the success in hiding that exploitation from the Axis high commands played a pivotal role in the successful prosecution of the war.

The inter-allied intelligence operation ENIGMA — wrote a prominent American historian of cryptography — was “the greatest secret of World War II after the atom bomb”

As an example, Hampton said the ENIGMA allowed the Allies to learn of ammunition and supplies being shipped to North Africa for Field Marshal Ervin Rommel and his Desert Corps.

Because the Allies knew when resupplies were sent to Rommel, they were able to intercept and sink the ships in the Mediterranean Sea. But to keep the Nazis from realizing their codes had been broken, the Allies would send out scout aircraft which would make sure the crews of German ships saw them before other aircraft arrived to bomb the enemy ships.

Another example offered by Hampton involved a decision by England’s Winston Churchill. During the bombing of England by the Nazis, the British learned of a planned raid on the city of Coventry in advance of the attack.

When informed of the pending air raid, Churchill realized that to give an advanced warning could also alert the Germans to the fact that their military communications codes had been broken.

In the resulting attack, the citizens of Coventry suffered heavy casualties and damage to their city.

Hampton said the ENIGMA device given to the museum was used by German ground forces during World War II, after its manufacture in 1942. It has never been on public



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Museum curator and Fort Historian Jim Finley said the ENIGMA machine should be ready for public viewing after an exhibit display is built in about a month.

# JITC explores initiatives, issues at 10th annual interoperability conference

**JITC release**

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 10th Annual Interoperability Conference at Fort Huachuca on April 10-13, in Building 61801, Greely Hall Auditorium (Room 1215).

The conference is open to the public, although contractors will require government sponsorship. Foreign visitors and non-U.S. citizens must process a visit notification/request through their embassy.

The Interoperability Conference is the largest Department of Defense conference held annually to address Command, Control, Communications, Computers & Intelligence interoperability issues that affect unified commands, Services, and Defense Agencies.

In the spirit of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Joint Vision 2010, the conference theme is "Joint Interoperability — Initiatives and Issues." The conference will address this theme in four technical panel/workshops, each discussing current and future joint interoperability challenges.

The conference keynote speaker is Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence. Numerous general officer and senior executive level speakers from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Commanders-in-Chief, Services, DISA, government agencies, industry and the acquisition community are technical panel members.

The four panels are the Executive Panel, the Requirements and Resourcing Panel, Engineering and Development Panel, and the Life Cycle Management Panel. The first two panels will be held on April 11 and the second two on April 12. A brief discussion on each panel follows.

**New Interoperability Policies and Processes (Executive Panel)**

The Executive Panel immediately follows Money's keynote address and sets the stage for the remainder of the conference. Senior civilian and military leaders will share their perspectives on DoD interoperability.

Topics include the overarching interoperability issues impacting DoD, recent and emerging initiatives to address these issues, and challenges that remain ahead.

**Emerging DoD Policy, Its Impact on Interoperability Provided to the Warfighter (Requirements and Resourcing)**

This panel will review the existing, emerging, and proposed DoD interoperability policy documents/issues and discuss how the revised policy is intended to more clearly identify interoperability requirements; and to provide more capable systems that meet the true outcome-based end-user to end-user interoperability requirements.

The discussion will include current and intended G&PM documents, DODD 4630.5, DODI 4630.8, DODD 5000.1, DODR 5000.2-R, CJCSI 6212.01B (Draft), CJCSI 3170.01A, the creation of the Interoperability Policy/Test Panel of the MCEB, and

the recent DOT&E policy memorandum on Operational Test and Evaluation of Information Assurance.

**Building C4I Interoperability (Engineering and Development)**

This panel will focus on interoperability in the development and fielding phase of a C4I system's development.

It will focus on interoperability testing of C4I systems that lead up to a milestone or fielding decision. It will also discuss the unique interoperability issues for Advanced Concepts Technology Demonstrations.

**Current Operational Interoperability Challenges, Their Solutions (Life Cycle Management)**

The life cycle management panel will present recent initiatives oriented toward identifying and addressing C4I interoperability challenges that currently impact operational forces.

The presentations and discussion will include the interrelationships among Joint Warfighter Capability Assessments, Military Communications-Electronics Board panels, recently designated functional area Executive Agents, and other joint interoperability support organizations.

The panel will focus upon the integration of these activities in order to efficiently and effectively support the day-to-day interoperability challenges encountered by the operational CINCs. Discussions will focus on near term solutions to real world interoperability problems.

In addition to the presentations and technical panel discussions, participants will also have an opportunity to sign up for a tour of JITC's test labs. This tour showcases various C4I systems, to include Automated Information System technologies that JITC is testing in support of the Warfighter.

The conference fee is \$15. In addition to the conference, JITC will host an icebreaker at the Windemere Hotel from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 10; a dinner at the LakeSide Activity Centre from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 11; an ITEA luncheon at the LakeSide Activity Centre, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on April 12; and a golf tournament from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 13.

Additional conference details and registration information can be found on the JITC webpage at [http://jitic.fhu.disa.mil/iop\\_conf.htm](http://jitic.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf.htm). The early registration deadline is March 31.

The conference attracts about 300 attendees from across DoD and is an important forum for identifying critical interoperability issues that influence and impact our support to the Warfighters. Participation by senior government decision-makers and the wide diversity of registered attendees will make the 10th Annual Interoperability Conference thought provoking and informative. The issues discussed at this conference will shape future interoperability policy and doctrine.

For more information, call Air Force Capt. Bill Polakowski at 538-5007 or Debbie Maffia, JITC Visitor Support, at 538-5429.



# Technology Symposium will feature MRTFBs

**DTC release**

The U. S. Army's Developmental Test Command is hosting the thirteenth annual Test Technology Symposium, TTS 2000. The conference will be held on April 11 and 12 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Md. Papers describing new and emerging testing technologies from across DoD's Major Range and Test Facility Base will be featured.

Top test and evaluation officials from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps will be there. John Gehrig, DoD's Deputy for Resources and Ranges, will introduce a "triad" of keynote speakers. Invited are RADM Paul Gaffney, Navy Director of Research/T&E and Technology Requirements, Brian Barr, Technical Director, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, and Brig. Gen. Doug Pearson, Director of Operations, Air Force Materiel Command.

These leaders set the policies for all military test ranges and facilities across the country. An added attraction is a Marine Corps session with a feature presentation by the Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Agency.

The TTS 2000 theme is "Merging DT and OT Test Technologies." Sessions will be structured around feature presentations and technical papers by managers, scientists and engineers from across the MRTFB who are challenged with the testing of our most advanced military weapons and systems. Papers from industry and academia will describe some of the "high tech" breakthroughs in instrumentation, data processing, analysis, and display which will benefit the testing process. Exhibits will enable a close up look at some of these new devices.

Among the featured speakers are Col. Jed Sheehan, Patriot Project Manager who will discuss the testing approach for the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) missile system, one of our nation's major weapons. Brig. Gen. William Bond, commander of the Army Simulation Training and Instrumentation Command has also been invited to describe the latest advancements in simulations and threat simulators. Ed Kiley, CEO of Alcore Corporation, a world leader in the design and manufacture of composite materials will preside over the industry session and give a feature talk on the applications of advanced materials and the challenges of testing them.

Representatives from the major ranges across the country will present technical papers which focus upon technologies and concepts for increasing integration of developmental and operational testing. This challenge is how to address operational issues early in material development as well as development of new techniques and unobtrusive instrumentation to enable gathering of technical performance data during conduct of realistic operational trials. Some case examples illustrating this team approach will be discussed.

These symposia are vitally important in creating liaisons between all testers and evaluators. The sharing of the best and finest emerging testing methods is a worthwhile objective, and benefits all who perform the military testing mission. You can learn more about TTS 2000 and register electronically by visiting the U.S. Army Developmental Command web site at [www.dtc.army.mil](http://www.dtc.army.mil) and click on "Coming Events." You may also call John Schnell at DTC (DSN 298-1478 or commercial 410-278-1478) who will be sure you get a registration form.

# MI soldiers mix dust of Huachuca with ashes of Lent

*By Chap. (Capt.) Ira Houck  
309th MI Bn.*

Soldiers of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion deployed to the field on Ash Wednesday, March 8, inaugurating the season of Lent and the first field exercise of the Intelligence Analyst (96B) class since 1995.

The field exercise ran continuously for 72 hours. In many ways the event marked a new season for soldiers of Companies A and D (the “Wild Cats” and “Night Wolves”) in the 309th MI Bn. of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. Staff Sergeants George D. Bianco and Anne M. Thrush, drill sergeants in 309th MI Bn., assembled the young warriors early the day prior to prepare for this deployment. Falling snow welcomed them to the field.

“These soldiers came to train and we will run them through an exercise that both refreshes their combat skills but primarily concentrates on their 96B [Military Occupational Specialty] skills,” said Capt. Patrick Nelon, company commander, Company A, 309th MI Bn.

One of the year’s coldest days brought snow flurries as soldiers hurried to construct a primitive base camp at Site Uniform in the wilderness of the Huachuca Mountains. The temperature dropped below freezing, but the spirits of the soldiers warmed to the directives of their drill sergeants and trainers.

Special visitors such as Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Richard J. Quirk III; 111th MI Bde. Commander, Col. Micheal J. Gaffney; and Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett of the Combined Arms Command, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; listened to the intelligence summary briefs presented by the soldiers in training.

The winds of early spring kicked dust around the boots of the sentries who welcomed visiting chaplains of the brigade Unit Ministry Teams. The Unit Ministry Teams of the 111th MI Bde.

arrived at command invitation to conduct religious services for soldiers who celebrate Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent.

“Soldiers could not attend chapel services so the chapel comes to them,” said Chap. (Capt.) Robert Brady.

Staff Sgt. Timothy McCarthy, a 309th MI Bn. drill sergeant, refers to the field training exercise and the beginning of Lent as “Spring training for Christians.” He welcomed the Ministry Team and ushered soldiers in a tactical hiding place to bow their heads in prayer. His smile spoke volumes.

“The ashes of Lent imposed on our foreheads match the soldier paint of green, brown and black on our faces,” McCarthy said.

Chap. (Capt.) Scott Daniel replied, “Brigade Sergeant Major [Gary A.] Jones and Battalion Sergeant Major [Lewie] Scott, [Jr.] insist that you young warriors have the opportunity to mix the dust of Huachuca with the ashes of Lent.”

Soldiers paused to allow a moment of silence. The chaplain said a prayer and read from Psalm 51. The chaplain’s assistant, Spc. Latwanna Nichols, distributed Bibles, rosaries and crosses to anyone who wanted one.

One by one the soldiers came forward to exercise their choice to follow the Christian teachings and renew their religious commitments. These commitments renew a soldier’s strength and fighting spirit.

Last year’s palms distributed at the Palm Sunday service are collected and burned to produce the ashes of this year’s Lent. “Ash Wednesday is truly a curious name,” says Chap. (Col.) Thomas Decker, Installation Staff Chaplain.

“I remember my grandmother making laundry soap with lye, fat, and some kind of ash,” he said. “It was a long day job, much like soldiers setting up a tactical operation site. My Grandma J. tended the soap kettle over an open fire.



Photo by Chap. (Capt.) Ira Houck

**Chap. (Capt.) Scott Daniel makes the sign of the cross with palm ashes on the foreheads of 309th Military Intelligence Battalion soldiers. The palm ashes are from last year’s Palm Sunday to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and the first field exercise of the Intelligence Analyst class since 1995.**

It was not so much that they wanted to get back to nature, but it was a cheap way to produce a cleansing soap.”

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance when Christians examine themselves in preparation for following their Savior Christ more closely.

“Lent is not a seasonal thing but a spring training event in which the team toughens up for the days ahead,” Decker said.

“Soldiers in the field become a team by working together,” Nelon said. “It takes a team to endure hard times.”

Staff Sgt. Russell Enderton, a 309th MI Bn. drill sergeant, added, “Hard times don’t last, but hard warriors do!”

Soldiers responded with an affirming “Hua.”

“Isaiah the prophet spoke about the religious practice of the people in his day. From the earliest of times people used ashes to express their grief and mark their days of repentance,” said

Chap. (Capt.) Ira Houck.

“Religious practices that express devotion and commitment, like the imposition of ashes, train people to be moral and ethical leaders. The army values teach moral leadership.

Ashes imposed on a soldier’s forehead do little to change a person’s conduct. There is no power in ashes, but they signify something deeply sacred and powerful for the faithful,” he said.

“Ashes remind the faithful that life is limited, but God is unlimited,” Nichols said. “Ministry Teams live with soldiers and share their hardship to remind them that God cares for them and without God we are nothing. God is with us wherever we go,” she said.

“We are here to bring soldiers to God and God to soldiers.”

Soldiers of the 309th completed the field exercise with a 4.7-mile road march with the standard 35-pound load in their rucksacks and with weapon in hand.

## College suspends law enforcement academy

### *Cochise College release*

In response to concerns regarding oversight issues and minimal enrollments, Cochise College has suspended its law enforcement training academy indefinitely.

The move came after an independent audit by the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, the agency responsible for certification of the college’s academy, revealed issues around the timeliness and documentation of pertinent information.

The academy, which started in August 1999, had conducted one complete training session and had just commenced the second session. The academy had averaged only six students in each of its first two sessions when it was suspended on Feb. 29.

Eligible students in what was called the South-eastern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Acad-

emy were encouraged to either pursue training options at other academies or given full refunds.

“When it came to our attention the program was not meeting Cochise College standards, we took immediate action,” said Dr. Joanna Michelich, Vice President of Instruction for Cochise College.

“Our first concern was ensuring that the students experienced minimal disruption to their training and their lives. Now that those issues are settled, we will turn our attention to considering the future of the program.”

Acting POST Executive Director Lyle Mann praised the College’s handling of the situation.

“The college acted very quickly and appropriately,” Mann said. “They minimized the impact of this on students. The POST staff is appreciative of the forthright and professional manner in which this was dealt with by the Cochise College administration.”

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has increased between 17 to 50 percent.

The average Cochise College student taking eight credits per semester will see his or her tuition increase by \$40, from \$208 to \$248. The cost of full-time (15 credit hours) tuition per semester will go from \$390 to \$465.

The Board’s recommendation will now be forwarded to the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges.

Other fees recommended for change, included:

— Various Pro Pilot and AMT fees in the Aviation Department will be increased. These would be the first such increases in the last five years and would cover the increased costs of operating these programs.

— Out-of-state tuition for more than six hours would increase from \$158 per hour to \$177 per hour to comply with regulations requiring this tuition cover 80 percent of the costs.

— The registration fee for students in the military receiving Tuition Assistance will be waived to offset the administrative cost of processing the applications, which is currently handled by the military with no reciprocal cost to the college.

— On-line tuition will go from \$52 per credit hour to \$62 per credit hour because that rate is set at twice the in-state tuition rate.